



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION

After Action

SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2005

Morgan Hill Civic Center

Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Chair	Einer Anderson
Vice-Chair	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	Chuck Dillmann
Commissioner	Jeanne Gregg
Commissioner	John Macchia
Commissioner	Syliva H. Cook
Commissioner	Vacant

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Vice Chair Cameron

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Melinda Cervantes provided the report to Commission (Attachment A.) Ms. Cervantes reported on the following activities: the JPA is scheduled to meet on October 27th. Agenda items include authorization of funds to install wireless for the public in county libraries; the Library will hold the 2nd Annual Friends and Commissioners Forum. This event is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2006; the Los Altos Library Endowment will host a community forum on November 1st to discuss how to spend a substantial donation from the Whipple Estate; a CALTAC workshop will be held at the Santa Clara County Library on Saturday, October 29. The County Library will host a CALTAC workshop on February 25, 2006.

Joint Powers Authority

No report. The JPA has not held a meeting.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian Macek

Rosanne Macek provided the monthly report (Attachment B.) Ms. Macek reported on the following activities: the Library booth at the Taste of Morgan Hill was successful; the Library has begun its kindergarten library card promotion as a follow-up to last year's successful K-3 library card campaign sponsored by Mervyn's; bilingual storytime has begun again. The program will be held Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.; the Library has conducted interviews for the two vacant positions: 1) half-time teen librarian and 2) full-time children's program librarian; Ms. Macek has been asked to serve as a director on the board of SJSU's School of Library and Information Science Alumni Association.

3. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Yvonne Duckett provided the report on behalf of President O'Hare. She stated the booth at the Taste of Morgan Hill was successful.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dillmann

Commissioner Dillmann reported there has been little activity in the Legislature. He reported on an issue in Tracy in which a séance was cancelled by the city's Mayor when groups opposing this activity complained to city officials.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Commissioner Dillmann motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0)

6. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA ART PROJECT

Recommended Action: Action Item. Receive recommendation from Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. Review Taste of Morgan Hill survey results and develop recommendation to City Council on art project.

Chair Anderson recognized Commissioner Macchia for drafting the Letter to the Editor of the Morgan Hill Times regarding support of public art and for developing the survey conducted at the Taste of Morgan Hill.

Commissioner Cook shared photos of benches at the Rhonert Park Library. A book theme was incorporated into the benches. Commissioner Macchia stated the survey results and comments from the public indicate the community likes the idea of benches which evoke a library theme and are conducive to reading, sitting and conversing.

Chair Anderson stated the Sister City program is not well known throughout the community. He added perhaps a display or bench representing the sister cities would be better suited to the community center. Commissioner Cook suggested flag poles flying flags of Morgan Hill's sister cities be located on the Civic Center plaza.

Ms. Duckett shared photos of concrete pillars designed to look like stacked books. She suggested this design could be an upgrade from the cylindrical pillars. She also shared a photo of a concrete bench designed to look like an open book.

Commissioner Macchia suggested a letter from the Commission be drafted which includes the recommendations from the Arts Alliance, Friends of the Library, Commission members and survey results. The recommendation should convey that the plaza reflect the themes of literacy, safety and comfort and that the flag poles be included in the project. The letter should also state the historical columns are not the first choice for the plaza. Commissioner Macchia offered to draft the letter, distribute it among the Commission for review and submit it for Chair Anderson's signature. Commissioner Macchia motioned to approve the letter which provides a recommendation on the Civic Center Plaza art project to include outdoor seating with comfortable benches that are designed with a library theme. The project will also promote safety, literacy and provide a place for residents to communicate and mingle. Flag poles with the flags of Morgan Hill's sister cities should be located in the design of the plaza. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0.)

7. LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Recommended Action: Information Item. Develop agenda items for workshop including definition of role of Commission in community with organizations such as Morgan Hill Unified School District.

The Commission discussed the need to develop a plan to accomplish the items listed in the work plan. Commissioner Macchia stated a plan to work as a liaison with the school district can be developed when the library's vacant positions are filled. Ms. Macek indicated the earliest the positions could be filled is November.

Chair Anderson stated the Commission needs to develop a policy for public art to include the

approval process, maintenance, funding and development of criteria for the recommendation of projects. Members of the Commission suggested the appointment of an independent committee to review and approve art projects. The committee could include members of the Arts Alliance, Commission and members of the community involved in the arts. Commissioner Gregg noted there should be no conflict of interest for committee members. It was suggested that an outside agency/group such as the Centennial Gallery coordinate the judgment/review process. Commissioner Cook stated the Commission needs to address three issues regarding the public art piece:

- 1) Define a vision for the Commission's role
- 2) Define policies and procedures to identify, approve and maintain art projects
- 3) Define funding streams such as development fees and Transportation and Occupancy Tax

Commissioner Cook offered to put together a draft of policies to present at the November meeting. Commissioner Gregg offered to work with Ms. Cook if her schedule allows. Commissioner Macchia suggested the November meeting be dedicated to a straw man presentation of the policies draft and the December meeting be dedicated to development of a draft of the Commission's role as a liaison between the school district and the library.

8. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Recommended Action: Information Item. Fundraising Committee will provide update on fundraising plans and activities.

Chair Anderson reported the Friends of the Library is working on fundraising for the new library to increase funding for programs and books. The Fundraising Committee is still looking for a key person to spearhead the fundraising effort to supplement library operations and fund additional hours. Chair Anderson is planning to make a presentation to the Rotary Club regarding the need for a Foundation.

11. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Straw Man presentation of public art policies draft
Library Construction Budget Update and list of needed items not in CIP budget
Civic Center art project update
Fundraising

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cervantes announced the CALTAC technology workshop on October 29th will include a demonstration of automated materials handling.

13. ADJOURNMENT to next monthly meeting on November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Commissioner Dillmann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gregg seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0.)

